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NEW APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED IN FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

The filling of five top posts in the newly reorganized United States Fish and Wildlife Service in the Department of the Interior, was announced today by Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife Arnie J. Suomela.

The appointment of division chiefs in the Service's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries and Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Mr. Suomela said, carries out changes in functions and organization of the Service as authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956.

All of the positions have been filled by the promotion of career employees, Mr. Suomela emphasized.

In the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, headed by Director Donald L. McKernan, Dr. Albert L. Tester, formerly director of the Service's Pacific Oceanic Fisheries Investigations at Honolulu, T. H., was selected as Chief of the new Division of Biological Research which will handle investigations pertaining to the anadromous fisheries, marine and inland fisheries and the shellfish fisheries. Previously these activities were conducted by the Service's Branch of Fishery Biology.

Harold E. Crowther, formerly Coordinator of the Saltonstall-Kennedy Program work and who was in charge of setting up the Fisheries Loan Fund unit, becomes chief of the Division of Industrial Research and Services. This division has taken over the functions of the former Branch of Commercial Fisheries in the field of economics, exploratory fishing and gear research, dissemination of daily fishery market news, statistical canvasses and studies, market development activities, and technological research.

Ralph C. Baker, formerly assistant chief of the Service's Branch of Alaska Fisheries, is now head of the Division of Resource Management. This organizational unit is responsible for the Alaska fishery and fur-seal programs, the Columbia

River fishery development program, and the enforcement of laws and regulations relating to the management of commercial fisheries and marine mammals under international fishery conventions.

In the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, headed by Director Daniel H. Janzen, Robert M. Rutherford, formerly chief of the Branch of Federal Aid, is the new chief of the Division of Technical Services. This division is responsible for the administration of the Pittman-Robertson wildlife and the Dingell-Johnson sport fish restoration programs, river basin activities, engineering and realty services.

The Division of Sport Fisheries is headed by John S. Gottschalk, formerly assistant chief of the Federal Aid Branch of the Service. This division has charge of the operation of all the Service hatcheries and supervises the programs involving the management of the sport fish resources and the conduct of fundamental research on these species.

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